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CASUALTY MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CDES NO (WITMER, LAURINE M.)
SUBJECT: DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AT LAERDAL, NORWAY

FOR: MR. REDGE WITMER
1717 COUNTRY CLUB LANE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

1. YOUR BROTHER, MR. LOREN ADAM WITMER, HAS BEEN OPERATED ON AT HAUKELAND HOSPITAL, BERGEN, NORWAY. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT MR. WITMER IS OUT OF DANGER. HE IS IN THE EAR-NOSE-THROAT INTENSIVE CARE WARD. HE DOES NOT KNOW WIFE IS DECEASED.

2. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR SISTER-IN-LAW, LAURINE M. WITMER, AT LAERDAL, NORWAY, ON MAY 24, 1978.

3. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING LOCAL BURIAL OR SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINS

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WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE MRS. WITMER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIRSHIPMENT TO THE U.S. WOULD COST \$3,500. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$750. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

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4. IT IS NECESSARY THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS BE MADE PROMPTLY.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: (A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, OSLO, NORWAY AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED

IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. (B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS, NEW YORK TO DEN NORSKE CREDITBANK, OSLO, PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, OSLO, NORWAY. (C) IF YOUR ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 5-7 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IF YOUR DECISION IS FOR CREMATION OF THE REMAINS. THE DECEASED PERSON'S RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

8. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 566880 IN OSLO.

9. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

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